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Health Visitors - 781855

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The Health Centre (am)	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00
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Dr. R. A. Newsom (am)	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 10.00
Dr. R. A. Newsom (pm)	3.00 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00	4.00 - 6.00	
Dr. J. Hassan (am)	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 10.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00
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Practice Nurse (am)	8.20 - 12.00	8.20 - 12.00	8.20 - 12.00	8.20 - 12.00	8.20 - 12.00
Practice Nurse (pm)	4.00 - 6.00	3.30 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00	4.00 - 6.00
Child Immunisation	3.00				
Physiotherapist		3.00			
Midwife (Antenatal)	2.00				
Child Health Clinic - Health Visitor		10.15 - 11.45 (1)			
Child Health Clinic - Doctor				3.00 - 4.00	
Dietitian		9.30 - 12.30 (3)			
Orthoptist		9.00 - 12.30 (2)			9.00 - 12.30 (3)
Psychiatric Doctor					2.00 - 4.30 (5)
Psychiatric Nurse			2.00		
CAMTAD		9.00 - 12.00 (4)			

- (1) - Child Health Clinic - Health Visitor is in the School Lounge
(2) - 2nd in the month
(3) - 3rd in the month
(4) - 4th in the month
(5) - 2nd & 4th in the month

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Letters to the Editor



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Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the past 4 years.

As many of you know, Kirsten's Electric Wheelchair Fund was set up in April 1993 to raise money to buy Kirsten a new electric wheelchair. Thankfully, she was given a second-hand "Turbo" to bomb around in, while we tried to raise the thousands of pounds needed.

After 4 years of coffee mornings, book parties, chocolate parties, fete days and many more events, we have finally done it! Our thanks go out to everyone who organized an event on our behalf.

The last fund-raising event was the joint Scout and Guide Associations Disco, held on March 1st. A big thank you to all who attended and helped, and especially to Lynda Ellingham, who organized it. Thanks also to the anonymous person who paid for the hire of the hall, to Barry for the fabulous (if loud!) disco and to Tesco for donating some of the food. A great time was had by all and the £262.33 raised on the night (plus £37 on the raffle) means that we have now reached our final target of £6.750.

Kirsten's new "Turbo" (which has been renamed "Bobcat") has now been ordered and hopefully in the next few weeks you will see her bombing (yes, this one goes faster - it has 5 speeds!) around in it.

Kirsten is thrilled to bits and so are we. Thank You.

Carole and Kevin Bailey.

Dear Editor

I was most concerned to hear about the vandal attack on the Old Farmhouse, particularly as such behaviour is a regular occurrence. I am certain that if the country could afford a proper police force the culprits could be arrested any Friday or Saturday night.

Similarly, why were the vandals able to find so many missiles? I cannot believe that so many items were transported any distance, as such damage is normally opportunist in nature. I hope that if ever we can afford a street cleaner litter such as broken bricks and concrete can be collected too.

K.J. Morris

Dear Editor

I feel that it is about time that the recent vandalism to the Scout hut is brought to everyone's attention. On 17th February 4 windows were smashed. The vandals then stole all the fire extinguishers, and released the dry powder extinguisher all over the kitchen. The cost of the replacement glass was £370; this did not include the fire extinguishers, which have yet to be priced. This was in addition to the £220 for the replacement of 2 windows 2 weeks earlier. Since then yet another window has been broken and will probably cost another £100. **What is the point? What does it achieve?** The result of someone's so-called fun is that money raised for the purchase of new tents for the Cubs and Scouts has now been spent on our enormous repair bill. We will eventually get the majority of it back from the insurance company, but every claim we make incurs a £50 excess. We are also concerned that we will be unable to obtain insurance cover if we continue to make claims at the current rate. The Scout Group is a charity; money raised by the efforts of the volunteers on the committee is for the benefit of the boys. If anyone knows who is responsible for the damage **please** let us know.

Scout Group Committee

Please could dog owners either walk them in our nearby woodland or clear up after them?

I don't blame Neville Watson from Colts Football moaning about the mess each month - it's disgusting. Everybody always seems to moan about how irresponsible the young people are in the village, but I've recently witnessed 3 middle-aged people allowing their dogs to foul the grass and footpaths right next to Playgroup and the School and leave it. Different things annoy different people - I wonder how they would like dog muck all over their shoes from innocently playing on the grass?

A concerned mum

30 years of Bar Hill

I am trying to collect 'photos of Toddler Group children over 30 years for an exhibition. Please put your name and address on the back if you wish it to be returned to you. Thanks.

Save the Children Week 27th April - 3rd May

Helpers needed to collect in all roads - tins, not envelopes.

Please has anyone got any pieces of felt scraps which will do for Toddler Group?

Jo Hall 11 Almond Grove 780304



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The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 20th March at 7.30 pm. in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

New Parish Councillor

Margaret Sellars, being the only applicant, was co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Street Trading Consent - V. Truong

The Councillors agreed to object to the renewal of this consent. There was great concern at the lorries parking alongside residential areas of Robin Close and Gladeside and also damaging the road at the entrance to the Mall area.

Shed at rear of Old Farmhouse

As the School Headteacher wishes to demolish their shed, the Councillors were again asked whether they want their old workshop demolished at the same time. It was agreed that the workshop building should be retained as it will serve as a shelter for youth; appropriate alterations are being considered.

Tennis Club - footpath to school

An up-date on the present position had been received. The Tennis Club are still in negotiation with the contractor - it is still felt that the path is not satisfactory.

SCDC Sports Roadshow

The District Council would be undertaking sports activities during the summer holidays with children aged 6 - 12 years.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on 8th May at 8 pm in the Village Hall.

Mrs. C. McDermott, Clerk
The Business Centre
Bar Hill Business Park
Saxon Way
Bar Hill
CB3 8SL

Found

Near the library on the morning of Tuesday 4th March at about 10 am, a sum of money which can be returned to its rightful owner if he or she rings 780429, and gives the correct details

Neighbourhood Watch

There will be a meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday April 24th at 8.30 pm, where one topic under discussion will be village security. All are invited to attend.

If anyone is interested in co-ordinating a small group in your local area, please contact me before the meeting.

John Revell 781726

Policing in Bar Hill

Rob Morris (Community Police Officer)

Tel: 01223 232222, Fax: 01223 235984

FESTIVAL '97 Bar Hill 1967 - 1997



Make a note in your diaries - June 21st - 29th !

The festivities have now been planned and as a committee we like to think that there is something for everyone in the Village.

The main features are:-

- A Summer Ball in the Moat House Hotel
- A Local History exhibition in the Library
- An Art Exhibition and Flower Show in the Church Foyer
- A Toy Library Playday
- Commercial Exhibitions - on site or at a Village venue
- A Gala Fête with floats
- Old Time Music Hall - Happy Hours - in the Church
- A Theatre Group production at Swavesey VC
- Pop on the Green** - local bands and DISCO
- Boys Choir Concert at the Church, with wine and strawberry reception
- Songs of Praise with Girls Choir
- Church Service with past ministers and guest speakers
- Fireworks on the Green

There will also be a Grand Draw with excellent prizes. The tickets are on sale now.

It's your Village !

Come and celebrate 30 years !

Please ring Roger Hall 780304 or Sheila Blackwell 776157 for further information or with any event your organisation would like to add to the list.

Urgent

Maternity Hospital in Slovakia needs any item used on maternity wards e.g. nappies, safety pins, cotton wool, new born baby clothes, feeding bottles, Milton, baby toiletries etc. Contact Jo Hall 780304

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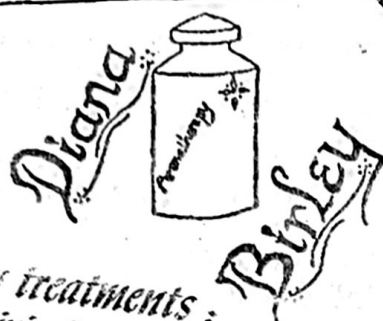
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Dear Editor

I have followed with interest the continuing debate in the BHN about youth facilities in the village, especially since I am interested in the welfare of our young people, both as a parent and also one of the "Pickled Parrot" leaders on a Friday night.

I share the concerns expressed by many regarding litter and mindless vandalism - after all, the Church has suffered its fair share in recent months - but believe that the problem is due to a small minority of individuals (and sadly could also be drink-related). Bar Hill is also an attraction for youths from surrounding villages, so it may not be "our" children who are the culprits. However, despite everything the church will not turn its back on the youth. In any event, it was probably no different when we were young ourselves, and are young people really the only ones to drop litter? What about dog faeces left on paths and grassed areas where children might play?

I'm glad that the Farmhouse project is finally coming to an end, and believe it is time that we stopped knocking the village youth and showed them that we care. They might then learn to respect us and the village. When was the last time you stopped and talked to them to ask how they were? They all have a great deal to offer and probably feel just as sad about the village's feelings toward them as anyone else.

I certainly know that the BMX bike teenagers feel disappointment, not only at having their impromptu ramps, etc. taken away, but also at the frustrated attempts to find a permanent solution through the Parish Council. How can anyone expect teenagers to find a location, produce costings and plans, etc? In any event, I originally supplied the teenagers with detailed manufacturers' plans and a price list for typical ramps. Surely it is then for the Parish Council simply to approve the idea and take it forward on their behalf with the District Council.

On a final note, I would encourage all the village youths to behave respectfully in order to gain the respect of the adult population. In particular, if one of your friends happens to misbehave why don't you tell them to stop? It could be as simple as that!

Ian Hay

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Mrs. Goodfield 782357

Dear Editor

I would like to voice my opinion on the debate about BMX bikes and mounds. I have lived in the village all my life and know many of the residents very well. The BHN is constantly getting letters about vandalism, graffiti, under-aged drinking and the like. These BMX lads are only interested in developing skills on their bikes. I take exception when people accuse them of crime when they are doing constructive activity.

It is this kind of objection and the politics involved with the Council which have probably led to Toby Gresswell and co. "giving up" on getting funds for a facility.

Regarding the removal of play areas in the village, I understand that the decision was reached several months before, but were there any young people present to object, and was there a public notice raised? If there wasn't, then surely this is a breach of democracy.

This brings me to the final comment made in the letter last month; I remember very well what happened with the skateboard ramp. There was a complaint made about the safety of the ramp; one night two days later the ramp was smashed to pieces, but these unusual vandals stacked all the pieces of wood neatly, not making any mess. I will leave it to your readers to decide who did it.

In conclusion, I am now a tax-payer as well and I am very disappointed with many peoples' attitudes. We cannot ignore the needs of the hundreds of teenagers in Bar Hill. If you want tranquillity, then perhaps you should move to Boxworth.

What hope have these young bikers got when the people who run the village totally alienate their entire generation?

Ben Unwin, age 20

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Happy Hours (Recycled Youth Club) "In Memoriam"

I have to start on a sad note for this month's edition of the Bar Hill News. One of our first members, wee Mary Bevan, has passed away. It is extremely sad to lose any member of Happy Hours, but when the members gathered for that first meeting 7-8 years ago there was Mary together with Hilda Collett and all those other members wishing to get the Club started, and loyal members they have always been, steadfastly supporting the Club irrespective of their ills. I always called Mary my "little haggis" and often she showed me the back of her hand for my cheek. Always with a smile on her face, a true, wonderful little "scottie." An Irish friend of mine from the Liverpool area (Tommie Browne) with an absolutely wonderful voice used to give his rendering of "Bonnie Mary of Argyll" which always brought the house down, and whenever I hear it on the radio or TV my thoughts will go back to that lovable woman. The funeral was well supported by Happy Hours, though regretfully Phyllis and I had an appointment with Addenbrookes's and could not be there, and I am sure Roy, our Chairman, was delighted that so many of you came to pay your last respects.

She lived respected and died regretted

Sick List

Jim Platts is still plugging on and occasionally manages to get out into the garden to see the sun. Keep going you old codger - everyone is thinking of you and still hoping you will make the bowling green this year. Needless to say, our good wishes to you and Joan. Our Percy has been admitted to hospital with a spot of vein trouble - hurry back, Percy, we miss you and your smiling face! Stan Whitworth is slowly but surely recuperating - get well you old codger, and love to you both. We are sorry to say that Eileen Shears has put her back out again.

Holiday - Isle of Wight, 7 - 11 April

Our numbers have now reached 24. I should imagine our start from the "Fox" Public House will be quite early because of the coach and ferry journey involved; we will be in contact in good time to let you know.

Stansted Airport Outing

Sid has now re-arranged this for October; due to

its popularity they could not entertain us before. Sid will give you all the details later. Sid is trying to arrange a visit to one of our stately homes - could be 45 Pheasant Drive!

"From the Dr. Darius Feelgood Medical Dictionary"

artery - the study of painting
bacteria - the back door of a cafeteria
Barium - What doctors do when patient dies
bowel - a letter like a, e, i, o, u.
Caesarian section - a neighbourhood in Rome
C.A.T. Scan - searching for Kitty
cauterise - Made eye contact with her
coma - a punctuation mark,
dilate - to live longer
enema - not a friend,
fibula - a small lie
genital - not a Jew
labour pain - getting hurt by work
impotent - distinguished, well known

"Just for a Laugh"

Back in the days when people were always on the lookout for witches, a midget was thrown into prison for allegedly casting a spell. He escaped, prompting a headline in a local newspaper - "small medium at large"

Then there was the blood bank urging people to give blood because it didn't want to get caught with its pints down.

A cleaner worked at the railway station. One day he decided to get married in a large room on the upper floor. So many people showed up for the wedding that the weight caused the building to collapse. Moral: you should never marry above your station!

Diamond Wedding Anniversary - Bill and Ellen Drewell - 20th March 1997

Our sincerest congratulations to them both: the committee at their recent meeting decided to send them a bouquet of flowers, and a special card made by Olive Taylor.

I would like to thank all those well-wishers who enquired after my recent ill-health. Fortunately with Phyllis' usual care and attention I feel that I may be on the way to recovery.

We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter.

Wanted: Small microwave

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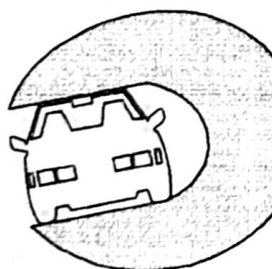
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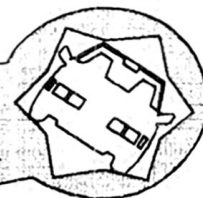
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



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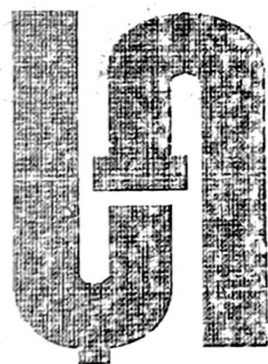
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Tickets £3 (including a glass of wine)

For tickets, contact SVC reception 230366

During the summer term we're looking forward to an excellent night out:

'Barbecue and Band'

14th June - more details later.

And in the Autumn term:

*** A trip to see 'Phantom of the Opera'**

19th September. Book early. tel: 230366

*** A Barn Dance (date to be confirmed)**

*** Art & Craft fair. 2nd November.**

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Bar Hill School PTA

Social Evening and AGM

Come to Bar Hill school on Thursday 24th April at 7.30 pm and enjoy free food and drinks followed by a short AGM

whether you are a parent/guardian or someone who likes to support the school, come along, enjoy a friendly social evening and find out more about what the PTA has to offer. or tell us how you think the PTA could be improved.

CAR BOOT SALE - SAT 10th May

Sale commences at 9.00 am (set up from 8.00 am), until 1.00 pm at Bar Hill School.

To avoid disappointment book your pitch now by telephoning Ian Hay 789351. £5 in advance or £6 on the day (traders welcome - prices on application)

Refreshments, sweets, etc will also be available.

BEDDING PLANTS OFFER

Unfortunately last month's advert forgot to mention the closing date for orders of 31st March. Orders will be ready for collection from the school in May, on a date to be notified nearer the time.

Domestic Cleaner wanted

for approximately 2 hours per week in small Bar Hill home. References required. 782880



Sunshine Playgroup

The Sunshine Playgroup (on the Parish Council land next to the school) is a small friendly Playgroup with a safe, fenced-in play area and garden. We aim to provide a wide range of experiences through free and structured play in a caring environment with our qualified Playleaders Jo, Maggie and Linda.

Session times:

Mon - Fri 9.15 - 11.45 am
12.45 - 3.15 pm

Tue. and Thu. mornings are mainly for new starters and younger Playgroup children.

If you are interested in a place for your child please call in at any session. Application forms are available from Playgroup, Library and Cherry Clarke 200233

Our building can be hired for parties, meetings, etc all day at weekends and school holidays, at £3 an hour (£2 extra if using a Bouncy Castle). Early booking is advisable. Phone Tracey Finbow 200818

Nursery Vouchers - We are accepting these for all sessions. If you have any queries please speak to a Playleader.

Thank You - A big thank you to Peter Silk for all the work he has voluntarily undertaken recently. It is really appreciated.

Security - With immediate effect the latch into the building will be locked during session times. Any visitors are asked to knock loudly!

Also a latch has been fixed to the outside of the gate to make it more child-proof - please ensure you close the gate after you have visited Playgroup.

Pre-school sessions - We are very pleased to inform everyone that both Reception teachers from school and Mrs Whyte, the Headteacher, will be attending some of our pre-school sessions.

AGM - our Annual General Meeting will be at 8 pm on Thursday 15th May at Playgroup.

Our guest speaker will be Mrs Whyte, Headteacher of Bar Hill school, talking about a day in the life of a Reception child. Everybody is welcome. Please sign the list on the wall if you would like to attend.

Wendy Coppen (Chairperson) 210003

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Pre-School Playgroup

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Another facility is our fenced in play area (approved by the relevant bodies) where the children can play safely when the weather allows.

The sessions are run by our friendly, trained and experienced staff Heather, Barbara, Jan, Jenny and Lysa. We are open to all children aged 2½ to school age. Our "Stepping Stones" session starts at 2½ and our general sessions are for 3 years to school age.

If you would like to visit the Playgroup, please call in at any of our sessions. The Playleaders will be happy to show you around and answer any questions. Application forms are available from Playgroup, the Library, or our administrator Jenny Dedman 782037 (before 7 pm).

Our session times are:-

Mon. Tues, Wed & Thursday	9.15 - 11.45am
Monday "Stepping Stones"	1.00 - 3.00pm
Tuesday and Thursday	1.00 - 3.30pm
Friday is for pre-school children from January.	

Thank You

Special thanks to Ruby and Sid, Sandra Spence, everyone who helped, and those who kindly donated jumble.

Would you like to join us in making decisions on the running of Playgroup? You do not have to be the Parent of a child at Playgroup. If you are interested, please contact Martina Collins on 782916.

Comments and/or suggestions to the Committee, c/o The Village Hall please.

Playgroup will be accepting Nursery vouchers from April 1997, subject to validation

Relief Parent Helper urgently required for various sessions next term (April - July), pay: £5 per session. Apply in writing to Mrs. J. Norman (Chairperson) at 8 Stonefield.

Children's Giant Activity Afternoon 19th July 1997

By now many of you will have heard of the above. For those of you who haven't, many of the children's organizations in the village have agreed to contribute in some way to enable children up to 10 to celebrate 30 years of Bar Hill

If we are able to implement the plans and ideas put forward so far, the afternoon will be a memorable one. The best thing of all is that everything, apart from refreshments, will be free. Funds are being raised through a raffle and contributions from the organizations.

If you like the idea, and would like to help organize something spectacular, we need your help. IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE YOUR SUPPORT THERE WILL BE NO EVENT. As usual, everything has fallen onto a few people. We have held 2 meetings to discuss plans. Both have been poorly attended, even by those who have indicated a willingness to help. Please do not sit back and wait for someone else to do all the work and then moan that there is nothing for the children to do.

Get up and do something! We don't expect much - only a couple of evening meetings and a couple of hours on the day. Is this too much to ask for your children to have a free afternoon out? If it is why should we bother? It's simple - no help, no event.

A meeting has been arranged for Monday 14th April at 8 pm in the Scout Hut. If you can't come but would like to help please ring either Kirsten on 200228 or Lindsey on 782994

Under Ones

Babies under one and their mums/dads are welcome at Under Ones on Wednesday mornings. The Church Centre is open from 10 - 12 noon for refreshments and a chance to meet other people with young babies. Expectant mums are also very welcome. We offer changing facilities, a good selection of toys and a well-stocked library on all aspects of pregnancy and baby care. Contact Emily Lewney, 7 Oatlands Avenue, 781770



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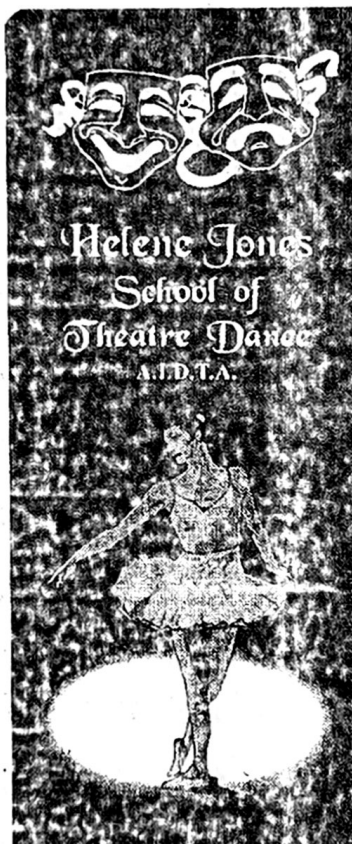
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We will be accepting Nursery vouchers from April 1997.

We have a system of record keeping which allows us to monitor each child's attainments and provide for their individual progress.

Each month we take a different topic theme and use it to cover all of the desirable learning outcomes. Recently we have been looking at "ourselves" and this theme has taken us on visits to the baby clinic and the dental surgery, as well as providing lots of creative work and discussion.

If you would like to know more we have a prospectus available from the library or meetings room. Alternatively you may like to telephone us to arrange a visit.

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Session times:

Mon - Fri mornings 10-11.30

(Wednesday for 12 - 18 month Toddlers only)

Mon & Tue afternoons 1.30-3.00

To find out more, please contact Carin 201192. If you would like to visit us you are welcome to call in and have a chat with our supervisors Jo and Mary.

April Diary Dates

Thu. 3rd 10-11.30 am Postman Pat Playday for the under 7s. Face paints, a colouring competition, crafts, large toys, videos. Come along and meet Pat! Entrance fee £1.

Lynne (publicist)

Nearly New Sale

Many thanks to all those who helped, making organized chaos out of complete chaos! Particular thanks to Style Dry Cleaners, University Centre and Tesco for the loan of hanging rails and shopping baskets. Next sale on 20 September. Make a note in your diaries.



Calling those who say "There is nothing in the Toy Library for my children" - come and have another look. We spent £800 last year on new toys, and our current membership has trebled. New toys for the summer will be arriving shortly and will be hired out over the summer holidays again. Book early to avoid disappointment.

AGM

Our AGM was held on 24th March. We have been joined by several new committee members and a full report will follow next month.

For more information about Toy Library please ring Avril on 782431

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Thank you to everyone who donated their services for our joint Scout Group and Guide Association disco held on March 1st. We raised £262.33 for Kirsten Bailey's Wheelchair Fund, and everyone had a great evening. Special thanks to Barry for the disco, the anonymous donation for hire of the Village Hall, the Village Hall committee for their assistance, Tesco, and all the adults who stayed and helped on the night.

AGM

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Monday 12th May. The committee needs you!!!

We meet only once a month and fund-raise to purchase new equipment for the boys and to maintain the Scout Hut. It is not hard work, and it is fun, so Mums and Dads please give it some serious thought. Without a committee there can be no Scout Group.

If you require any further information please 'phone Lynda Ellingham 201374.

Janet Kempson 780778
(Group Scout Leader)

Woodcraft Folk



This term we have been working on our World Friend badge. We looked at and made small globes and learned how to say greetings in many different languages.

Our musical evening was a great success, ending in the Elfins playing their castanets and steel drums to music. We spent separate evenings focusing on Switzerland, Japan and Qatar.

Julia Lumley from the Harrambee Centre spent an evening with us when we split into different Indian street families and had to make paper bags to earn money for our food.

Thanks to all the parents and friends who have helped to make this term so enjoyable. We look forward to next term and the two Elfin camps already being organized.

Remember, Woodcraft is for girls as well as boys - we have spaces for girls at the moment. Come and visit us one evening to see. ('Phone Christine 782978 to check we are in school for that meeting)

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Thinking Day was celebrated on the return from half-term. The Guides collected £10 which was sent to the London HQ to help fund guiding where money is tight.

The two Rainbow units had a joint meeting, again based on an international Thinking Day theme. I thought I was visiting on the wrong night as the 30+ girls were so quiet - all busy making paper tulips, Mexican masks, sheep brooches, etc.

The Guides and Brownies have been busy too, with many girls being tested for their interest badges. Easter egg hunts are presently under way.

The joint Scout and Guide Disco on 1st March was a great success, and I understand over £250 was raised to finalise Kirsten Bailey's Wheelchair Appeal. Well done to Lynda Ellingham and helpers. I'm sure the children had great fun.

Finally, an appeal. Are you over 18, ever been involved in Guiding or Scouting, still believe in the aims and principles of the Movement, but can't help in the actual running of a unit? If so, how about getting together with like-minded people and forming a Trefoil Group for Bar Hill? If you'd like to find out more then please call 781105 (6 - 8pm).

Nina Hutt
District Commissioner



**...is the name of the Bar Hill Church
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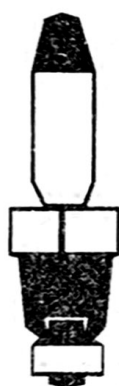
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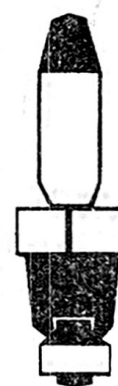
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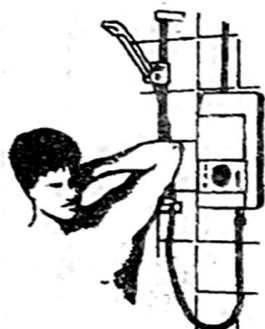
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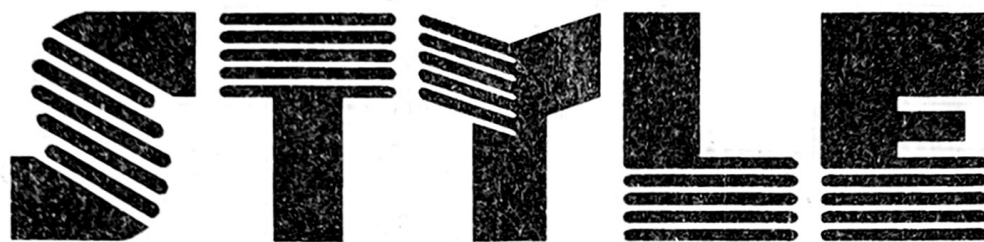
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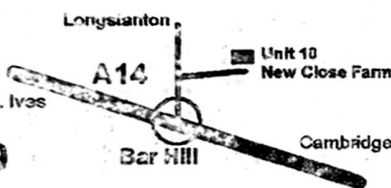
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





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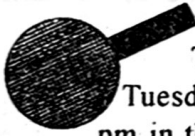
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The club is in 2 leagues - County triples and Cambridge and District. There are friendly matches arranged for some weekends and mid-week afternoons. Club night is Monday evenings for practice sessions, etc.

The club now requires new members and invites experienced players and those wishing to take up the sport to join us on the 1997 season opening day on the the Green at Longstanton Sports and Social Club, Over Road, on Saturday 26th April. 2 o'clock for 2.30 pm.

Contact Keith Brazier (Hon. Secretary) 781462

Table Tennis Club

 The table tennis club meets every Tuesday in school term time from 8 - 10 pm in the School hall. We charge £1.50 per evening. We do not play in a league but are a small club offering a warm welcome to players of all standards. We provide the equipment - all you need to bring is a pair of plimsolls or equivalent. Don't worry if you haven't played for some time - most of the current members were in that situation when they first came along. For further information, please contact Peter Bowers on 781977 or just come along on a Tuesday evening.

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Don't forget our jumble sale ladies, on 5th April. Please save all your unwanted items for us.

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April 3rd - Visit to Julie Haylock's farm for a chocolate making demonstration - only members who have given their names to Adela 780279. Coach leaves the "Fox" at 7.15pm.

May 1st - Sue Clarke, Demonstration on quilting.
Barbara Page 780933

National Women's Register

The Bar Hill Branch of the NWR meets once a fortnight on a Monday or Tuesday evening at 8pm. We are a lively group of women of all ages, with varied interests and occupations, and always do our best to make new members welcome. So don't be shy, come and give us a try! If you would like to know more please telephone Janet Morris 782441 or Edna Goodman 782558. April meetings are as follows:

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This could not have been achieved without great efforts by a loyal and hard-working group of members, and just as important, the support of dancers on the night. To those who planned to attend the recent dance, we are sorry you were disappointed.

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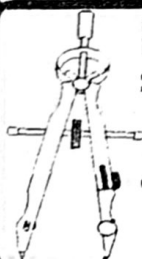


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April will be a busy time for the
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1st May Elections

22nd May North Rural Branch AGM 7.30 pm.

Venue to be announced in May BHN. Members
will be notified separately.

21st - 29th June Festival '97. The Liberal
Democrats are pleased to be contributing to the
30th anniversary celebrations in Bar Hill. Details
nearer the time.

At a recent meeting of the Branch committee,
Tom Lee, Branch Chair, was nominated as prospec-
tive County Council candidate for the Girton divi-
sion, which includes Bar Hill.

For further details on the activities of the Liberal
Democrats, please contact:

Tom Lee, Branch Chair 782880

Tom Flanagan, B. H. District Councillor 780571



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Bar Hill & District Labour Party

The Bar Hill and District Labour Party
covers Bar Hill and the neighbouring vil-
lages of Oakington, Longstanton,
Swavesey, Boxworth, Elsworth and
Knapwell. Our next meeting will be held at 8pm on
Monday 12th May at 15 Acorn Ave, Bar Hill.

For more information about the activities of the
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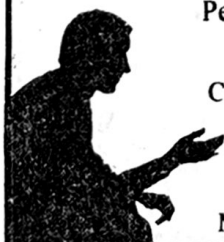
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If you go down to the pond today

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many ponds in the Cambridge Green Belt had either fallen into a bad state of neglect, or had simply disappeared altogether. These findings have prompted the Wildlife Trust, Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council to support a pond survey in the parishes of South Cambridgeshire. This survey aims to identify where the remaining ponds are and promote a higher awareness of the need to conserve these wonderful and diverse habitats.

You can help us by supplying any information on the location of ponds in your parish (excluding small garden ponds) and also any stories or memories you have connected with local ponds. Any material would be greatly appreciated (contact address below).

As a result of the 1996 pond survey by the Cambridge Green Belt Project, a booklet has been published entitled 'Discovering Ponds around Cambridgeshire'. This intertwines the history of ponds along with practical management advice and also recommends local ponds to visit. Priced at £1.50 (including p&p) it is well worth a read and is available from Cambridge Central Library or the Wildlife Trust. (address below). A 'Pond Discovery Day' has been planned for 1st June, to be held at the Wildlife Trust. The agenda for the day will include a brief summary of findings from the pond survey, advice on garden ponds and a site visit to nearby Byron's Pool. For more information please contact: Miriam Woolnough, Pond Project Coordinator, The Wildlife Trust, Enterprise House, Maris Lane, Trumpington, Camb. CB2 2LE. 01223 846363.



April

Discovering Ponds around Cambridge

Ponds are an interesting part of the landscape, but have disappeared at an alarming rate over the last century. There is a New Pond booklet which celebrates a wealth of local history and wildlife associated with ponds around Cambridge and suggests a few of the best to visit. There is a chapter with information on pond management and advice. Written by the Cambridge Green Belt Project & Sponsored by AgrEvo, it costs £1.50 including post & packing. Cheques should be made payable to the "Wildlife Trust".

Sharon Hearle, Cambridge Green Belt Project
Enterprise House, Maris Lane, Trumpington
Cambridge CB2 2LE

New Pond Grant

There is now a new Pond Restoration Grant funded by South Cambridge District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. A 60% grant can be offered up to a maximum of £1,000. The conservation of our existing old ponds is very important for many rare species of dragonflies, plants and amphibians. For a free site visit and advice please telephone David Rees at Cambridge County Council on 01223 317699.

April Wildlife - Otter Delight!

Otters are making a very welcome return to those parts of Britain, including Cambridgeshire, from which they have been absent for a couple of decades. They are very secretive, though, and the signs they leave behind are not obvious to the untrained eye. In any case, you should never go searching for otter holts as they are protected by law, and disturbing them is illegal; you may come across otter tracks in the mud near rivers, or droppings on little mounds.

The Wildlife Trust works actively to conserve rare species such as the otter, advising landowners on habitat improvements and working with the Environment Agency to monitor water quality and advise on river management.

Sunday 20 April Green Belt Project Otter Walk exploring reserves. Meet at Shepreth Railway Station 2pm. 01223 846363

Sunday 27 April Guided walk round Gamlingay Wood. Meet at 2pm at the wood. 01954 251544.

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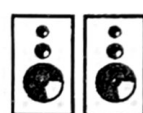
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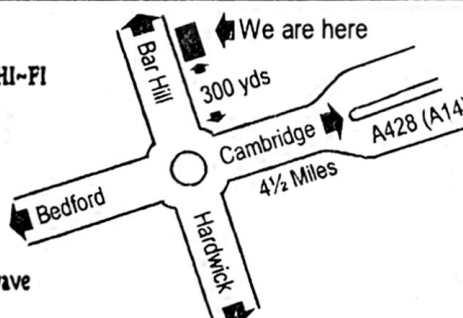
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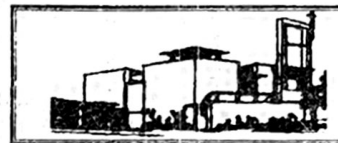


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Churches

April Services

(Note the time for evening services - 6.00 pm)



Sun.	6th	10 am	Worship & Family Communion	Preacher:	Miss Anna Ross
		6 pm	Informal Missionary Service	Speaker:	Miss Anna Ross
Sun.	13th	10 am	Morning Worship	Preacher:	Mrs Jacky Bowers
		6 pm	Eucharist & Celebration	Leaders:	Revd. Gary Renison
Sun.	20th	10 am	Morning Worship & Communion	Preacher:	Revd. Gary Renison.
		6 pm	Youth Service	Leaders:	Sophie Burlton & Tim Jackson
Sun.	27th	10 am	Family Service	Leaders:	Revd. Gary Renison
		6 pm	Quiet Communion	Preacher:	Mrs Jacky Bowers

There is a Roman Catholic Mass
at 6 pm every Saturday

People to Contact-

The Minister:	Revd. Gary Renison	781629
Lay Worker:	Mrs. Jacky Bowers	781977
Church Secretary:	Miss. Jane Campbell	789597

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)

Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

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Day	Date	Time	Event	Society	Location
Thu.	3rd	10.00 - 11.30 am	Easter Playday	Parent & Toddler Group	Church Centre
		8.00 pm	Chocolate Making	8 O'Clock Club	Julie Haylock's Farm
Mon	7th	7.30 pm	Meeting	Royal British Legion	Farmhouse
Fri.	11th	2.30 - 3.30 pm	Session	Toy Library	School Studio
Sat.	12th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Jumble Sale	Scouts	Scout Hut
Mon.	14th	8.00 pm	Stall Holders Meeting	Village Fete	School
		8.00 pm	Activity Afternoon Planning Mtg	Scouts	Scout Hut
		8.00 pm	Planning Meeting	NWR	16, Acorn Avenue
Tue.	15th	7.30 pm	Musical Evening	WI	School
Wed.	16th	8.00 pm	Ladies Fashion Show	SVC PTA	Swavesey Village College
Sat.	19th	8.00 pm	Ceilidh	Childminders Association	Swavesey Village College
Tue.	22nd	1.30 - 3.00 pm	A taste of the Philippines	Ladies International Group	School Lounge
Thu.	24th	7.30 pm	AGM	Bar Hill School PTA	School
		8.30 pm	Meeting	Neighbourhood Watch	Village Hall
Fri.	25th	2.30 - 3.30 pm	Session	Toy Library	School Studio
Tue.	29th	8.00 pm	Balloon Debate	NWR	6, Partridge Drive
May					
Thu.	1st	8.00 pm	Quilting demo	8 o'clock Club	School
Thu.	8th	8.00 pm	Annual Parish Meeting		Village Hall
Fri.	9th	2.30 - 3.30 pm	Session	Toy Library	School Studio
Sat.	10th	9.00 - 1.00 pm	Car Boot Sale	PTA	School
Mon.	12th	8.00 pm	AGM	Scouts	Scout Hut
Thu.	15th	8.00 pm	AGM	Sunshine Playgroup	Sunshine Playgroup
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Mon.	21st		30th Birthday Festival	Village	Various

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